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WEATHER FORECAST

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November 25, 1913, Temperature a.m. 68, p.m. 73; Humidity...77, 56.

November 25, 1912, Temperature a.m. 65, p.m. 68; Humidity...70, 58.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE AFRICAN TROUBLE.

CONFLICT WITH POLICE.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Received Nov. 26. Reuter's correspondent at Durban wires that a number of Indians broke out at Eperapazza, on the south coast of Natal, and came into collision with the police. Three Indians were killed and 20 wounded.

Exchange of Views.

Reuter is informed that an exchange of views is in progress between the Indian and Colonial Offices, and the latter is communicating with the Union Government regarding the Vice-roy's memorandum.

The Right Hon. Mr. Botha's pronouncement is viewed in official circles as sound and fair, and much is hoped from Mr. Smuts' mission to Natal. The situation, however, is regarded as full of difficulties, and not one for Imperial interference. The real need is the exercise of moderation, more especially as both sides, from their own point of view, are right.

It is pointed out that the Right Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Lands, saw Lord Crewe and Mr. Harcourt on the subject. Moreover, it is stated publicly that a modus vivendi is possible if the Indians are moderate. Therefore it is felt that while it is just that the grievances of Indians should be admitted, it is not to their interest to raise fresh grievances or to keep changing their ground. On the other hand, a declaration from the Indian side, says South Africa promised an amendment of the law, which was not carried out, and this has given Indians an excuse to strike which would otherwise be wanting. Mr. Fisher, when in London, emphasised to the Imperial Government that the suggestion of an India enquiry would be interfering with internal affairs and thus would not be welcome.

INDIAN VICEROYALTY.

LORD KITCHENER MENTIONED.

London, Received Nov. 26.

The Times, discussing the Viceroyalty of India, says Lord Hardinge's official career was never intended to end with the occupancy of that position, and it is generally believed that in due course he will return to the Diplomatic Service, probably as Ambassador to Paris. Circumstances may necessitate his doing so considerably earlier than the end of 1915.

There is a general agreement, says the journal, that should Lord Kitchener again become a candidate for the Viceroyalty, the post would not again be given to another.

THE TERRITORIALS.

POPULARISING THE FORCE.

London, Received Nov. 26. Mr. Asquith is to receive a deputation from the Council of the Territorial Army to-morrow.

It is announced that a scheme will be submitted in order to popularise the Force, this including bonuses and concessions to officers and men, preference for Government posts; and also that employers be allowed £20 free of Income Tax for each Territorial in their employment.

TELEGRAMS.

THE IMPERIAL IDEA.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Received Nov. 26. The Standard comments on the present unsatisfactory nature of the relations in which different portions of the Empire stand to one another and in relation to foreign States. The latter might employ reprisals and hostile measures, from which a British Dominion or Dependency is barred. Nobody wants to precipitate the creation of that Federal Constitution for which the Dominions are not yet ready, but some kind of Federal organ or tribunal of supreme appeal in political as well as legal matters seems to be required if the component populations of the Empire are to enjoy the benefits of the Imperial connection.

The Cabinet Decision. The Daily Telegraph states that at a meeting yesterday the Cabinet decided the course of action to be taken in regard to the Indian problem in South Africa.

The "Times" Views.

The Times says the recent harshness in the administration of the Immigration Act is due to the exigencies of party politics, and it is to be hoped that Hon. Mr. Smuts, Minister of Finance and Defence will now do his best to a Minister of the Empire to repair the damage done. The least he can do is to initiate a searching enquiry as to the effect and administration of the Act of 1913, and he will do well if he asks the co-operation of the Indian Government and submits the action of his own Department to the fullest investigation by an impartial tribunal containing at least one member fully conversant with the conditions in India.

ESPIONAGE CHARGE.

ACCUSED EXPELLED FROM SWITZERLAND.

London, Received Nov. 26.

Reuter's correspondent at Berne state that the Government has ordered the expulsion of Captain Larguer who was recently arrested on a charge of espionage. His alleged accomplices, Menozzi and Roettet, have also been similarly dealt with.

A message received on the 18th inst. stated:—A French officer, Captain Larguer, attached to the French Ministry of War, has been arrested at Geneva and charged with espionage on behalf of France to the detriment of Switzerland, Italy, and Germany. A later message stated that the affair is connected with the recent arrest in Rome of a man named Menozzi and an Italian cavalry sergeant, who are alleged to have been acting on behalf of an International Espionage Bureau with headquarters at Geneva.]

SIR J. M. F. FULLER.

RESIGNS VICTORIA GOVERNORSHIP.

London, Received Nov. 25.

Sir John M. Fleetwood Fuller, K.C.M.G., Governor of the State of Victoria since May, 1911, has resigned on account of ill-health. Prior to going to Australia, Sir John Fuller sat in Parliament as a Liberal for the Westbury division of Wiltshire, and in 1906 was a Junior Lord of the Treasury. He is 49 years of age.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SUGAR MARKET.

REBATE TO ENGLISH BUYERS.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Received Nov. 26. Four large Continental sugar producers offer a rebate of 1½ per cent. to English buyers. The scheme is at present the topic of the market, but the opinion is expressed that sugar is cheap enough without artificial aids, and the scheme is unlikely to be adopted.

INDIAN SPECIE BANK.

WINDING-UP PETITION DISMISSED.

London, Received Nov. 26. Reuter's Bombay correspondent states that the petition for the winding-up of the Indian Specie Bank has been dismissed. The Judge congratulated the Manager upon the unanimous confidence shown in him by the Directors and shareholders.

THE VICTOR OF MANILA.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S NOTABLE CAREER.

Reviewing the "Autobiography" of George Dewey, Admiral of the Navy, the New York Evening Post says:

A trial under three-fifths of Admiral Dewey's story of his life is taken up with that part of it which preceded his assignment to the command of the Asiatic Squadron; two-fifths is devoted to the momentous twelve months at Manila, and a few pages suffice for the narrative "Since Manila." These are the right proportions. Dewey's career holds much of interest before even he thought of the possibility of our being concerned with the Philippines, though the idea was in his mind long before it had entered that of many of his countrymen.

In 1873, the news of the Virginia affair reached Commander Dewey in the Gulf of California. Going into the wardroom of his vessel, the sidewheeler Mississippi, Commodore Perry's flagship when he "opened up" Japan. In 1862, at the age of twenty-four, Dewey became executive officer. During this period, his youth was continually in his way, men of his rank but of more years being preferred for responsible positions. Nevertheless, the record shows him to have been an officer of nerve and intelligence. His account of the battle of New Orleans reveals Farragut's indomitable figure, which history has painted him. Dewey's narrowest escape was a year or so later, on the Monongahela, when an exploding shell from a field battery mortally wounded a fellow-officer by his side.

One naturally turns with keen interest to the pages in which Vice-Admiral von Diederichs is mentioned. Dewey does not conceal the anxiety he felt over the presence in Manila Bay of a powerful squadron whose commander seemed determined to ignore the laws and customs usually observed during a blockade. But his displeasure is never suffered to get the upper hand. He is as upright in recounting the trying experience as he was in undergoing it.

It is an interesting story that Admiral Dewey has to tell, and an important one. He was ready for Manila because, instead of settling down to the routine which contemplated many officers in the days of our old navy, he was continually observing the naval progress of other nations.

TELEGRAMS.

AVIATION FATALITY.

HIGH FLYER KILLED.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Received Nov. 26. M. Perreyon, the world's highest flier, while testing a new monoplane at the aerodrome at Buc, fell fifty feet and was killed, being crushed by the engine.

FRENCH STRIKE.

MEN RESUMING WORK.

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AUSTRALIAN STRIKE.

LINERS HELD UP.

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Reuter's correspondent at Sydney says five of the Union Company's steamers are laid up in consequence of the strike of dock hands in sympathy with the New Zealand strikers. Many emigrants en route to New Zealand, via Brisbane, are stranded there, unable to proceed.

PETROLEUM DISPLACES COAL.

CALIFORNIA'S PRODUCTION OF HARD FUEL FALLING OFF.

On account of the large production of petroleum in California and its use for fuel, coal mining has practically ceased in that State, the production in the last two years being only 10,747 tons in 1911 and 10,978 tons in 1912, according to Edward W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey.

The production of petroleum in California in 1912 was 88,450,787 barrels, of which not less than 50,000,000 barrels was used directly for fuel. Large quantities of oil are also used in place of coal for gas making, and on the estimate that 3½ barrels of petroleum is equivalent to one ton of ordinary bituminous coal, it is probable that from 1,400,000 to 1,500,000 tons of coal would be required to perform in California the service now rendered by petroleum in the production of heat, light, and power. California oil is the principal fuel for locomotives, as far north as Washington, and across the Sierra and Cascade Range, its freedom from sparks serving as a great protection against forest fires, as compared with coal or wood fuel. It is used almost exclusively on inland and coastwise steamers, and to an increasing extent by the transpacific steamers. It has even displaced coal on Puget Sound, many of the steamers of the Canada Pacific fleet plying between Vancouver, Victoria, and other points having been equipped for oil burning. There is still, however, some demand for coal in California, particularly for domestic use and for banker trade at San Francisco, but it is almost exclusively supplied by coal from other States and from abroad.

There are, however, in California a number of small, widely separated coal fields, chief among which are the Mount Diablo field of Contra Costa County, the Corral Hollow field of Alameda County, the Priest Valley and Trajou fields of San Benito County, and the Stone Canyon field of Monterey County. The first two, which are on the eastern border of San Francisco Bay, and consequently in the west-central part of the State, produce black lignite or subbituminous coal. The coals in Monterey County are of the same geological age as those farther north, but they have been altered into true bituminous coals.

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NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

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CONDENSED.

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Lord Kitchener has given a brilliant ball at Cairo in honour of the visiting naval officers.

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TELEGRAMS.

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Some features of a proposed new scheme to popularise the Territorial Force are given in a telegram.

There has been a collision between Indians and police in Natal, three of the former being killed and 20 wounded.

In connection with a possible change in the Viceroyalty of India, Lord Kitchener's name is mentioned by the Times.

The Daily Telegraph announces that a Cabinet meeting has decided upon a course of action with regard to the Indians in South Africa.

After an entanglement of seventeen years "General" Bramwell Booth of the Salvation Army has met his brother Mr. Ballington Booth.

The Swiss Government has ordered the expulsion of the French Captain Larguer, charged with espionage, and his alleged accomplices.

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THE CAIRO VISIT.

A BRILLIANT BALL.

London, Received Nov. 26.

Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that the ball given by Lord Kitchener, His Majesty's Agent and Consul General in Egypt, in honour of the visiting British naval officers, was a splendid affair.

The whole entertainment was a great success.

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AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE ATTACK ON DR. REINACH.

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A REPORT OF THE CONCLUDING STAGES OF THE SULTZER TRIAL.

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SOME OBSERVATIONS ON JAPANESE CHARACTERISTICS.

Some observations on Japanese characteristics, by Dr. Eliot of Harvard, are given to-day.

THE YAMATI FERRY.

The Yamati Ferry was sunk in collision with a Japanese boat this morning and several people were drowned.

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To-day.

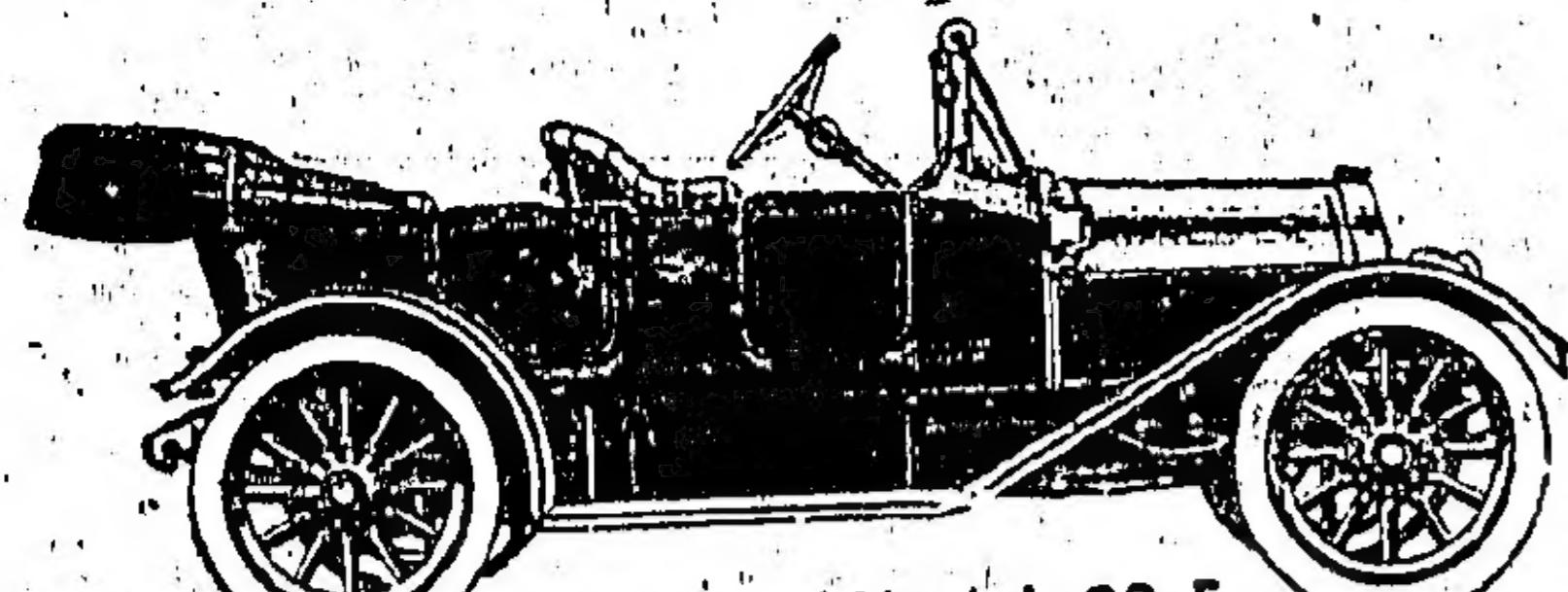
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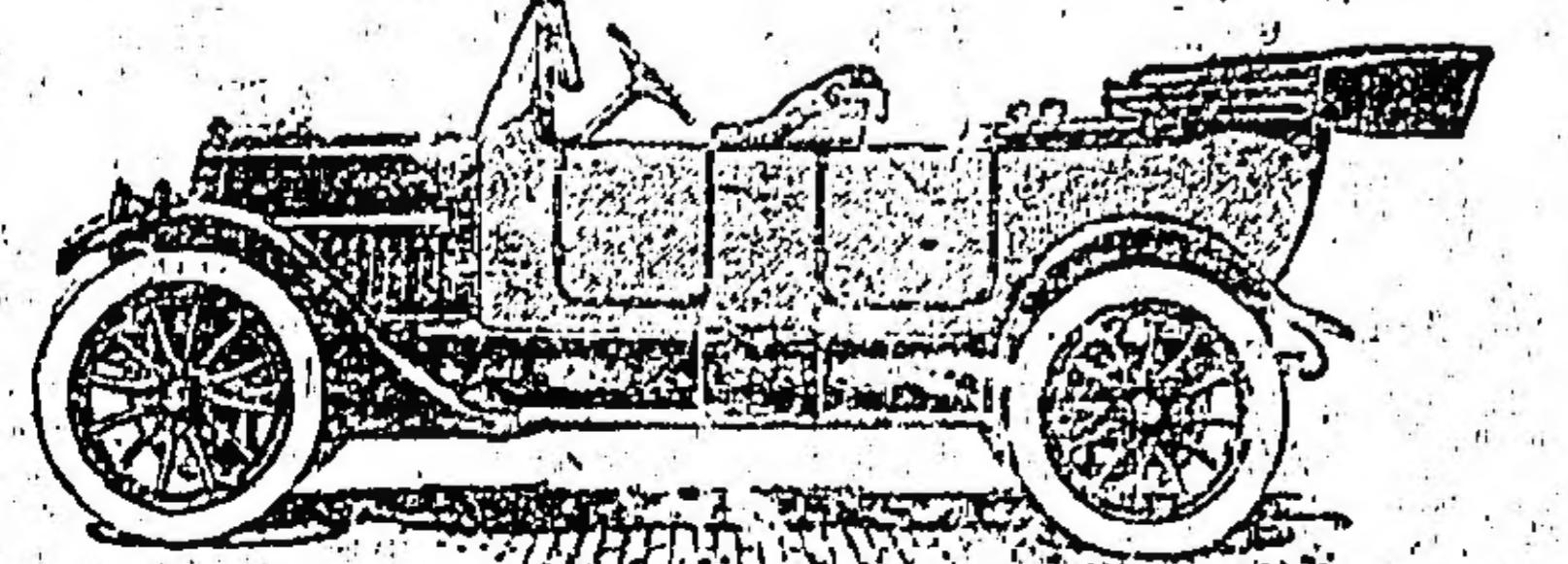
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Chinese Loan Prospects.

Very contradictory statements have come from Peking during the past week with regard to the prospects of another loan. We have, on the one hand, Mr. Hsiung Hsi-Ling, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, in a lengthy statement on the financial position drawn up for presentation to Parliament, saying that he does not intend to contract another foreign loan for administrative purposes, if it can be avoided; while, on the other hand, we have one of the correspondents reporting, two days previously, that the Bankers of the Consortium will meet the Premier in the course of a few days with the object of endeavouring to discover a basis of negotiation in the loan question." It is open secret, in fact, that the Chinese Government is desirous of obtaining a further large loan. It is, at least, patent that the Government is in urgent need of money, and the Premier himself, in the statement he has prepared for submission

GENERAL NEWS.

Appeal to Book Lovers.

So many Caxtons have lately found their way across the Atlantic that it is hoped the Bishop of Oxford's appeal for funds to secure the 1488 English translation of Bonaventure's "Vita Christi" for the Bodleian will be successful. Not only is the volume intrinsically valuable—£1,100 have already been offered by an American buyer—but only three perfect copies are known to be in existence. The volume, which was once in the Ruth Library, is printed in a type which Caxton only used for ten other works.

Colonial Administration.

A civil servant of the best type is the fitting description to apply to the late Sir Walter Thomas Wragg. He was for many years in Ceylon, where the offices he held, included those of Director of Public Instruction and District Judge, and he subsequently became Principal Judge of the Supreme Court of Natal. While he was in that colony he presided over the Commission on the Indian Immigration Laws, as well as over the Special Judicial Commission which tried the Zulu Chiefs who endeavoured to continue the rebellion in Zululand after the fall of Cetewayo.

Exporting Electricity.

Sweden has established an interesting precedent in "exporting" electricity to Denmark, which finds it advantageous to buy electric current from the larger country owing to the absence of waterfalls. This innovation opens up a remarkable prospect. As engineers are generally agreed on the advantages of generating electric power in bulk and distributing it from large power stations to the actual users, it may be that in the near future districts deficient in minerals but richly endowed with natural water power may be the centres of a new and important industry.

Politics and Business.

Since 1906 Sir Walter Menzies, who died recently, had represented South Lanarkshire in the Radical interest, although he first contested the constituency in 1900. On the death of his father in 1887, the then Mr. Menzies became the head of the tube-making business of Menzies and Co., which now forms part of the tube-making combination known as Stewarts and Lloyds. Sir Walter took a very active interest in Scottish political affairs and when Mr. Gulland resigned the Secretarieship of the Scottish Radical members, he was unanimously elected to the post.

Derailments.

Lieut-Col. von Doplop's report on the Chevington derailment, on the North-Eastern Railway, which he attributes to excessive speed over a line that was being reballasted, recalls the Board of Trade report on the Witham derailment, on the Great Eastern Railway. Unlike so many other accidents of the kind, this disaster was not due to excessive speed on a curve. It was officially attributed to a loosened rail, a gang of men having been busy renewing some of the lines immediately prior to the accident. But the explanation was not at the time regarded in the railway world as entirely convincing.

"Sole Preoccupation."

His constituents certainly cannot complain of the frankness of Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, the Radical M.P. for the Bishop Auckland Division of Durham, who has announced that he will resign his seat at the next General Election. Sir Henry says that he has other interests in life besides politics, which his executive committee appears to think should be his "sole preoccupation." He disagrees with this view, and has therefore sent in his resignation. Sir Henry has only been in the House of Commons since January, 1910, and of searching observations that has been Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Under-Secretary of State in American circles. The article concludes as follows:

THE ATTACK ON DR. REIN SCH.

A Storm in a Tea Cup.

Peking, Nov. 11. Not even the greater ones of the earth are exempt from the consequences of mistakes made in the past. The experience of the new American Minister to Peking may be cited as an example of what can happen to a man because of something he long ago said inadvertently.

Dr. Reisch, there is reason to believe, has been the soul of distortion since nominated to the high office into which he has just stepped. But away back, when he was free to write irresponsibly upon international politics, he had the indiscretion to observe that France was a satellite of Russia. Note how this stroke of unenlightened observation, made when he was only a simple professor in a country university, recoils upon him after many years.

The Fatal Sentiment.

On his arrival in Shanghai the other day a local newspaper paid the attention to Dr. Reisch of reproducing many columns of his early works for the delectation of its readers. Unluckily the fatal sentiment above-mentioned was included. So far no harm had been done, for Shanghai is so far away from Peking that nobody here takes any notice of what happens there. But the editorial staff of the *Peking Daily News*, keen on topical affairs, republished the greater part of the Shanghai production the day before the American Minister's arrival in Peking. Their manner of putting it before their readers gave the disastrous impression that the views, opinions and sentiments of the Professor Reisch of long ago had been set forth in the course of an interview with Minister Reisch, newly arrived on Chinese soil.

In effect, Dr. Reisch, a born diplomatist, at the moment he was about to enter for the first time into relations with Ministers representing the Powers of Europe, was credited with declaring that one first-class Power was merely the satellite of another. He said other things—long ago—about Russia and Russian policy, that do not make sweet reading for the Muscovite brother, and, of course the *Peking Daily News* put in everything, always with the appearance that Dr. Reisch had just said them.

The Retort Discourteous.

It would be afection to suppose that this apparent expose of the views of Dr. Reisch was welcomed in certain diplomatic quarters—though in certain others it caused a good deal of quiet pleasure. But diplomats, of course, never say what is really in their minds, especially if it is disagreeable. But they have a pleasant way of letting their minds be known through the channel of the press.

On this occasion the existence of the *Journal de Pékin*, a paper specially favoured by the French and Russian Legations proved convenient, and on the very day that Dr. Reisch arrived in Peking he was confronted in the French newspaper by an article that attacked America, American ideas, American methods and the American Minister in particular, with Gallic vehemence. It is sufficient to mention that the American navy was declared "rotten" and the American people a nation of "bluffers," to show how Dr. Reisch was rewarded for saying—long, long ago—that France was a satellite of Russia, and that Russia was uncivilized.

Unofficial explanations were immediately forthcoming, showing that Dr. Reisch had not said these things in an interview at Shanghai. It is not known whether the American Minister has gone back on what he said long ago, but anyhow his explanations have been deemed satisfactory, and the incident would have ended good natured on all sides but for the intrusion of the *Peking Gazette*.

The Candid Friend.

This paper fully acquitted Dr. Reisch of the Shanghai indiscretion attributed to him but took the opportunity to offer a series of searching observations that have caused considerable uneasiness in American circles. The article concludes as follows:

"We do not think any purpose will be served by concealing the real cause of this unpleasantness. Quite a ridiculous fuss has been made recently over Sino-American friendship in certain American and Chinese circles. While we sincerely hope that cordial relations will always exist between the two large Pacific Republics, we have no sympathy with the hysterical manifestations which greeted America's premature recognition of the Chinese Republic, and her withdrawal from the Consortium. Judged by ordinary practical standards neither of these moves brought China any real benefit. Both of them appear to have been prompted by the quixotic ideals of foreign politics which have been the outcome of what is commonly called 'grape juice diplomacy.' We are quite prepared to believe that both President Wilson and Mr. W. J. Bryan wish China well. If more wished could accomplish anything China would undoubtedly receive substantial benefits at the hands of the United States. But those Chinese who go into a state of ecstasy over Sino-American friendship should be reminded that America has, for the time being, withdrawn from all active participation in the problems that confront the great foreign Powers in China, and that they will commit a serious blunder if they allow a Government which has assumed a purely passive role to lead them to believe that they are being ill used by governments which show greater courage and resource in adjusting their relations with the Chinese Republic."—*North China Daily News*.

SERV. CE MATTERS.

South African Medals.

The system under which the King's South African medal was awarded to participants in the Boer War is again the subject of much discussion in the Army and Navy Gazette. There has been more dissatisfaction over this question than with any other medals on record. And no wonder, since the award was made on no principle of common sense or justice. Many officers and men who saw the hardest fighting wear but one medal, while those who sat in an office at Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, or elsewhere, and never saw a Boer or heard a shot fired, are able to sport two if they happened to be serving in the country on a certain date. Both medals ought to have been given to one and all alike; it is impossible to discriminate with any attempt at fairness. The absurdity of the system adopted is apparent from the mere fact those who served during the King's reign alone received not the King's but the Queen's medal. It is not too late to rectify the matter now.

Royal Marine Generals. The sanctioning of the rank of brigadier-general to each of the colonels-commandant of the Royal Marine Forces is a well-deserved concession, and one which is duly appreciated in the corps. The rank will also be retained on retirement by those who do not secure higher preferment. The fortunate officers immediately affected are Colonel Pease, R.M.A., Portsmouth; and the following colonels R.M.L.I.—British, Plymouth; Oldfield, Portsmouth; Swanton, Deal; and Kennedy, Chatham. But even this new concession does not remove the very unfair position which the senior officers of the corps are compelled to occupy. There are no fewer than twelve nominal Marine generals, but the rank is a farce, for not one of them is employed as such.

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The Recruiting Problem. The October number of the official Army Review contains an article on the recruiting problem by a Recruiting Staff Officer. He repeats, what is generally admitted, that the position of the soldier actually serving will bear favourable comparison with that of any other occupation, but he labours under the impression that if this were more widely made known by the various officers concerned the increasing difficulty in obtaining recruits would disappear. "I am afraid that our friend has a lot to learn. We maintain an enormous recruiting staff, and the advantages of the Army are well enough known. So, unfortunately, are the disadvantages, and while they predominate, in these days of education the average man is not to be attracted by the mere blarney of a recruiting sergeant, nor by coloured posters, picture post-cards, tournaments, and triumphal marches. Much as the outward signs of a soldier's well-being may appeal to the general public, we shall never make any advance till we prove beyond dispute that a reasonably intelligent, hard-working, man is not surrendering all prospect of an assured future by joining the Army. In nine cases out of ten, it leads, in present circumstances, to the ranks of the unemployed."

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BIRTH.

AUSTIN.—At 58, The Peak, on the 26th November, to Mr and Mrs A. R. AUSTIN, a son.

THE INCOME TAX IN AMERICA.

Britishers, who have long since viewed the operation of the Income Tax in the light of a regrettable necessity, are watching with deep interest America's first plunge in that direction. As is known, the new Tariff Bill provides for the collection of a tax on incomes, and it is quite evident already that Americans are taking none too kindly to the measure. When the tax was first mooted, many critics who were friendly to its general purpose predicted trouble in consequence of the unnecessarily obscure character of the section of the Tariff Bill dealing with the matter. These pointed out the prime necessity of each essential rule and method being so laid down that there could be no mistake about its intent on the part of competent persons. Instead of embodying in the measure all the detail to be met with in European laws on the subject, the American Government aimed at what it regarded as a succinct condensation of the chief points, leaving to be embraced in regulations to be prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury the manner of carrying out the provisions of the law. It is as a consequence of this manner of dealing with the problem that complaints are now arising.

Although it is a salient feature of the new law that the tax only hits some four hundred thousand individuals, those who counted on the popularity of the Bill with the rest of the hundred million people of the country, on the ground that it would not trouble them at all, are already finding their expectations disappointed. It appears that the vexations attending the process of exemption are affecting, in one way or another, millions of people. As a New York newspaper rightly remarks, Americans spend money cheerfully, but they dislike to be compelled to take a lot of petty trouble to comply with official forms, and especially when that compliance involves the making of declarations about their personal affairs. The execution of the requirements of the law presents questions, we read, which are found so puzzling, both by bankers and by lawyers, that the Treasury Department is being flooded by inquiries. Confusion and a certain degree of paralysis have resulted in official circles, and this has sprung, say the critics, not only from a want of clearness in the new measure, but also in part to a want of perception of the matter dealt with.

The vexations may or may not have been unavoidable, but that they are irritating it is easy to see from the strength of the criticism which has sprung into evidence. In a matter of this sort it takes people and officials alike, much time to adjust themselves to the new conditions, and no doubt the tangle will be straightened out somehow. But it may be taken as a certainty that there will arise, for a considerable time, questions of legal doubt which cannot be settled by executive interpretation and which may have to be fought out in the courts.

A Tip for Hongkong.

We see from American exchanges so far as a possible spread of bubonic plague is concerned. The health authorities there believe firmly in the "No rats, no plague" theory, and they are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to wipe out the vermin. We read that a plague rat was killed in the city nearly four years ago, and during the interval until last month, when one of the rodents reached shore from a Far Eastern steamer, no infected rat was found. A regular preventive campaign is always in force, since the Health Department pays a bounty of ten cents (gold) each for dead rats, and every rat purchased is examined for plague germs. This certainly seems a much more effective method than Hongkong's plan of culling destruction, which kills no rats but simply drives them elsewhere, thus in reality spreading the disease.

After Seventeen Years.

Reuter thinks it worth while to chronicle the fact that, after an estrangement of seventeen years, "General" Bramwell Booth of the Salvation Army met his brother "General" Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America, at the house of a mutual clerical friend. This is the kind of news which will make the ribald scoff. Writers and speakers with ready pen and witty tongue are sure to remark the matter, with pointed comments about brotherly love and so on. We do not know what caused the estrangement; probably it was a family matter, and was no concern of anyone outside the family. But we can quite understand that two perfectly honest and sincere and well-living gentlemen, strongly imbued with religious feeling, might differ, and agree to differ, precisely because they were thoroughly honest and because each believed he was doing right. In any case, the meeting of any two brothers who have been long estranged is a matter not for making fun of but for joy.

A Birth-Rate Problem.

We have remarked more than once, in these columns, on the failing birth-rate in France and in Britain. The problem, of course, is most serious in France, and the actual causes are not easy to find. Dr. Jacques Berillon, however, has come along with certain figures which are distinctly interesting. Prior to 1900, he says, the birth-rate in the mining district of Monceau was higher than that of Germany and amounted to 35 per thousand. In 1903 it was 21, and now it is only 14. This amazing falling-off he attributes to Socialism. We have no use for Socialism ourselves, but we should hesitate to accept such a conclusion without definite data to support it. Dr. Berillon himself shows that the first decline took place fifteen months after a strike and that a further decrease followed a second and more prolonged strike.

An Obscure Connection.

That seems explanation sufficient. The strikes may have been the outcome of the preaching of socialist doctrines, of course, but, even then, to attribute the decline directly to socialism is not the soundest of logic. The connection is a little obscure and, at best, is only incidental. After all, socialism has quite sufficient sine of its own to answer for, without being asked to father others for which it is not directly responsible. And anyhow, a man who sets out to investigate a matter of serious national import sh'd be free from all bias and should not permit his personal antipathies to override his judgment. His conclusions are worthless except they are soundly based.

Head Mounds.

The police report that a man has been sent to the hospital from Wong-wei-wu, suffering from cuts on the head said to have been inflicted during a quarrel over water for irrigation purposes.

DAY BY DAY.

"REPUTATION AND CHARACTER ARE WIDELY DIFFERENT THINGS. CHARACTER LIVES IN A MAN, REPUTATION OUTSIDE OF HIM."

The Mails.

German Mail.—Left per s.s. Prinz Eitel Friedrich at 10 a.m. to-day.

German Mail.—Due per s.s. Princess Alice to-morrow.

American and Canadian Mail.—Left per s.s. Protosilaus at 1 p.m. to-day.

Canadian and American Mails.—Close per s.s. Tacoma Maru at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Siberian Mail.—Close per s.s. Princess Alice at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

Cruisers Arrive.

The Minotaur and Newcastle arrived in the harbour this morning from the North.

Light Court.

The daily cases at the Police Court, this morning were finished by 10.30.

Thanksgiving Day.

To-morrow is Thanksgiving Day in the United States of America.

Auction Sale.

Mr G. P. Lammett is to sell tomorrow, by auction, a quantity of valuable household furniture, at 5 Rippin Terrace.

Stealing Wood.

A man charged with stealing wood at West Point, was sent to goal for a month and ordered four hours' stocks, at the Police Court this morning.

Stolen Raincoat.

Mr. Armstrong, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, has reported to the police that some person has stolen from his desk a Burberry raincoat valued at \$15.

Board of Officers.

A board of officers of which Captain G. M. de Piro, R. G. A., is president, will assemble at the Supply Stores, Wellington Barracks on Thursday to report upon a consignment of tea recently received from Ceylon.

New Hongkong Magazine.

A new Hongkong magazine called "It" has just made its appearance. "It" is an independent cosmopolitan monthly and the first number is interesting and clever. It is announced that illustrations will appear in the next number and other new features which should add brightness to "It's" pages.

Lieut. Stainer, R. N.

Lieut. Courtenay E. Stainer, R.N., who has been selected, according to a despatch received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to fill the post of Assistant Master Attendant at Colombo, has had a lengthy and varied experience of harbour work. He was first employed in survey work on the Australian coast, and subsequently held the appointment of Assistant King's Harbour Master at Hongkong. At the present time he is on the Harbour Staff at Portsmouth Dockyard. Lieut. Stainer has qualified for navigation duties and has also passed for first class ships.

Organ Recital.

Yesterday evening at St. John's Cathedral, Mr. Denman Fuller gave the third of his series of monthly organ recitals before a fairly large congregation. The programme was even more varied than is usually the case and the inclusion of both vocal and stringed instrument numbers added greatly to its charm. Mr. Fuller's best piece was "Reverie d'etoile," E. Schubert, which he played with rare feeling. Mr. H. Jones sang "Nigretti," Gounod, and Massenet's "Elegie" in good style, while Mr. Vermeij contributed "Le Désert," Saint-Saëns, and the violin part to the "Elegie."

HARBOUR COLLISION.

Yaumati Ferry Sinks: Several People Drowned.

This morning at eight thirty o'clock, in collision, involving, as far as is known, five deaths, took place in the harbour between the s.s. Soshu Maru and one of the Yaumati Ferry launches. Details of the affair are not at present authoritatively reported but the facts as stated to the Hongkong Telegraph show that the ferry was leaving Hongkong for Yaumati and, when some distance from a Blue Funnel boat, came into collision with the s.s. Soshu Maru, belonging to the Osaka Shosen Kabushiki Kaisha, which was clearing for Swatow.

The damage done to the launch was such that within two minutes she sank in about fifty feet of water. The master was at once reported to the water police and rescue operations were taken in hand. Up to the present five dead bodies have been recovered, five persons have been removed to the Hospital for treatment and twenty-six have been taken to the Water Police Station, where their statements have been taken. It has not been ascertained up to the present whether any more are missing.

The spot where the launch sank has been marked by a spar and steps will be taken in the immediate future to raise the craft.

Among the passengers was Mr. Curwen of the Yaumati Government School, who got away with nothing more serious than a wetting.

Another Version.

Another version states that the ferry boat, the Wa Sang, left the Hongkong pier, belonging to the Yaumati Ferry carrying, as far as can be ascertained, about fifty passengers, including Mr. Curwen of the Yaumati School. About the same time, the Soshu Maru left her anchorage, which was to the west, and began to steam eastwards, going out by the North.

The line of the Yaumati ferry was crossed by the Blue Funnel s.s. Antilochus, which was lying at anchor. The Wa Sang safely crossed the bows of the Antilochus when she was run into by the Soshu Maru. A large hole was made in the port side of the launch, amidships, with the result that she sank almost immediately and her passengers were thrown into the water. Fortunately, at the time there were a lot of launches belonging to steamship companies, and Chinese owned, in the vicinity and these hurried to the spot while the men-of-war despatched boats with doctors to the scene at once.

Many people were picked up by the various launches and taken to the Godown Company's wharf near the Water Police Station where several doctors attended and did good work in succouring some apparently drowned, their efforts in a good number of cases being attended with success.

RANGE.—The King's Park Range is placed at the disposal of the Scouts Company on Sunday afternoon the 30th instant.

Leave.—Pte. G. Cormack is granted sick leave from November 24 to March 31.

Joined.—The undermentioned having joined the Corps are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—No. 1479 Sapper E. J. Surman to Engineer Company; No. 1480 Gunner O. Hycok to Howitzer Section; No. 1481 Private, D. J. Bruce to Scouts Company.

Resigned.—Pte. E. P. H. Lang is permitted to resign dated November 24.

Transfer.—Pte. R. A. Carvalho is transferred from Light Section M. G. Co. to Howitzer Section.

Promotions.—Pte. F. Schopel is promoted Corporal with effect from November 25, Ptes. H. Goldenberg and A. R. Ellis are promoted Lee Cpl. with effect from November 25.

Scouts Company.—A Company shoot will take place at King's Park Range on Sunday from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

Reprimed.

The youth who was sentenced to death at the October Criminal Sessions for the murder of a girl at Causeway Bay has been reprimed.

Reported Loss on Ferry.

A Chinese has reported to the police that whilst travelling on the Yaumati ferry from Hongkong, he missed from his pocket

some stamps and two receipts for \$87 and \$104 respectively.

Church Hall.

The new St. Andrew's Church Hall at Kowloon is to be opened by H.E. Mr. Claud Sevren at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Further Proceedings in the Kwangtung Bank Note Case.

In the Supreme Court, this morning before his Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge), the case was continued in which Ma Yuk-fan and Ma Kwan were charged on two counts with being in unlawful possession of property stolen abroad. The property in question is 12,500 Kwangtung bank notes of a face value of \$5 or a total value of \$62,500.

The Crown was represented by the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. J. A. Bucknall); Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. and Mr. Eldon Potter, who were instructed by Mr. J. H. Kemp (Crown Solicitor) and Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. G. Hall Bruton, appeared for the accused.

The following is the jury:—Messrs. R. L. Bridger (foreman), E. E. Ellis, M. Fernandes, J. C. D. Ferguson, A. Stevenson, G. P. da Cruz and S. A. Cooper.

Chang Chui-lam stated that he was an officer in the Cash Department of the Canton Treasury and had charge of payments out. During 1912 there was an authorized issue of two million \$5 notes from the Treasury, Kwangtung notes and subsidiary silver notes were current in Canton and Imperial and Republic notes were received into the Treasury.

As the witness proceeded, Mr. Slade, on more than one occasion, objected to the ground that the

French Mail Foulard and Breaks Her Stern.

We are informed that whilst at Shanghai, the P. and O. steamer Nubia was in collision with the French steamer Amazone.

It appears that as the French steamer was leaving Shanghai she fouled the stern of the Nubia, doing damage on the port side. The Nubia was not so seriously damaged as to prevent her making the journey to Hongkong; and to this port she steamed, and has been attended to by the Taikoo Dock Company.

MERELY SWEEPINGS.

A Practice of Which the Owner Knew.

At the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazeland, with the larceny of a quantity of silk. The defendant said that the subject matter of the charge was sweeping and he had permission to take them.

A godown keeper from West Point said

TRADE IN HONGKONG.

Business Still far from brisk
In the Colony:

Business during the past fortnight has not been particularly brisk, according to the *Fortnightly Price Current and Market Report* published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. The following is taken from the Report:

Impo ts.

Cotton Piece Goods.—During the interval a good business is reported from first hands in 10 lbs. Grey Shirts, White Shirts, and T. Cloths. Small sales are also recorded of 8 lbs. Grey Shirts. The market is quiet to-day. Prices unchanged on this side. It is hoped that rates will appreciate about China New Year and so enable b y to dispose of their recent purchases on a profitable basis. Clearances are fairly good.

Fancy Cotton Goods.—The market is quiet and no new sales of any importance are recorded. Clearances are moderate.

Cotton Yarn.—There is no improvement to report. Market continues dull, and trading business has passed at a further decline in rates of about \$1 per bale. Quotations are:—No. 10s. at \$105/132, No. 12s. at \$112/134, No. 16s. at \$128/142, No. 20s. at \$128/155. Arrivals 10,500 bales. Sales 1,500 bales. Shipments Nil. Unsold stock 27,000 bales. Bargains 48,000 bales.

Woolens.—There is no improvement to report. Enquiry and business is still very much restricted.

Metals.—Prices for Iron and Steel Bars have improved locally. Lead has weakened on account of lower quotations from London. Wire Nails have been purchased in large quantities for next year, at 10/8 to 10/0 for the 14/3 specification. Some 10,000 boxes tinsplats, have been sold at about 14/4 to 14/6 c.i.f.c. Hongkong.

Flour Market Report.—American Market.—Only small sales are reported for the past two weeks. Buying for winter shipment from the States has been larger than the market warrants and in most cases dealers have as much cargo on hand as they care to carry.

Prices remain steady.—Australian Market: On good crop reports, prices have declined but still no business is practicable.—Local Market: Trade locally is once again extremely quiet and is further restricted by recent decline in the value of native currency. Stocks have been increased to about 780,000 sacks, and arrivals are now very heavy.

Quotations: Have been advanced, Patents ... M \$2,40,2,50 per bag Cut Offs ... 2,22/2,24 Straight ... 2,14/2,16 Seconds ... 2,07/2,10

Coals:—Small sales reported. Sugar:—Market very quiet. Very little doing.

Saltpepper:—500 bags. Market steady and improving.

Opium:—Bengal: Market has been quiet but steady and only a limited business has been done, confined practically to Benares. Values are: Patna New \$5,825/00, Old \$5,700,000. V. Old \$5,600,00. Benares New \$5,750/00, Old \$5,425/00, V. Old \$5,300/00. Malwa: Business has been done on a moderate scale up to a further advance in prices of \$100.00 per picul. Quotations New to 4 years \$4,850.00, 5/6 years, \$4,900.00, Oldest \$4,950.00.

The total importations since November 6 have been Patna 11 chests, Benares 6, Malwa 170 and Persian and Turkish 61. These added to the stocks held at last report made the total available stocks, in chests, Patna 1,496; Benares 673; Malwa 1,981; Persian and Turkish 534. There have been consumed locally and exported during the period Patna 54 chests; Benares 12; Malwa 225 and Persian and Turkish 83, leaving on hand, November 30 Patna 1,442; Benares 631; Malwa 1,756; and Persian and Turkish 45—a total of 4,280^{1/2} chests. The total stocks of uncertified Bengal Opium on November 20 were Patna 105 and Benares 37 chests, an increase over the holdings on November 8 of 75 chests of Patna. Benares remaining unchanged at 37 chests.

EX-GOVERNOR SULZER.

His Removal as Governor of New York State.

The following despatch from Albany to the *New York Evening Post* gives the main features of the final hearing in the trial of Mr. W. Sulzer, ex-Governor of New York State, whose removal from office was reported by Rauter at the time:

Albany, October 17.—William Sulzer was removed from office to day by the High Court for the Trial of Impeachment. The vote was 43 to 12.

At 11.56 o'clock the Presiding Judge, Edgar M. Cullen, made formal announcement of the result. From that moment Sulzer was no longer Governor of the State of New York.

"In my opinion," replied Judge Cullen, "all it needs now is the certification of the clerk and the Presiding Judge. As a matter of fact, I doubt whether it needs even that. It is the judgment pronounced in open court of this court, and I think it is effective from this instance."

"Is there any further business?" said Senator Wagner. "I desire to suggest to the presiding officer that he make a statement to the effect that now all matters which were discussed or performed by this court in private session can be made public."

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"Shall the respondent be removed from office?"

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"Call the roll, Mr. Clerk."

Senators Dulm颓, Emerson, Heacock, McKnight, O'Keefe, Palmer, Peckham, Sibley, Stivers, Thomas, Wheeler, Whitney voted against removal. All the Appellate Judges, excepting Judge Cullen, voted for removal. Senator Wende explained his request to be excused as follows:

"For the reason that I have voted not guilty on all accusations, and for the reason that my associates by a large majority have been fit to convict, and for the reason that, if that judgment is right, it is my belief the respondent is unfit for holding office, I ask to be excused from voting on this question."

The clerk announced the vote as "yes, 43; no, 12; excused, 2." Judge Cullen said:

"The next resolution to be submitted, gentlemen, is: Shall William Sulzer be disqualified to hold any office of honour or trust or profit under this State? Under that you may vote the same as you did on the previous one, yes or no. Read the provision, clerk, and call the roll."

The monotonous repetition of noes was only broken by Senator Boylan, who arose to remark that he thought every man ought to have another chance; by Judge Hickock, who said that he was willing to leave the question of Sulzer's ever holding office again to the people; and by Senator Thompson, who said the same thing Judge Hickock had. The vote was unanimous.

Judge Cullen then said:

"The respondent, William Sulzer, having been convicted by the vote of more than two-thirds of the members of this court on the first, second, and fourth articles of impeachment, and the court having resolved that for the offences of which he has been convicted, the respondent be removed from office, it is the judgment of the court, and it is now the duty of the president to declare that for those offences the said William Sulzer, Governor of the State, is, and he is hereby, removed from his said office as Governor."

Final Judgment.

"On a point of information, Mr. President," said Senator Wagner, "may I ask whether the judgment is now completed, so far as the record is concerned? It needs now only the certification of the Presiding Judge."

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feeler to ascertain public opinion upon the point both there in Britain we do not know, but say that it opens up a most interesting visit to the Canadian people. To make the Duke of Connaught hereditary Governor-General of Canada would, in effect, be found a new dynasty and to give Canada virtually a King. This would inaugurate a marked departure in the political development of the Empire and possibly in time would mean that each Dominion would be presided over by a separate branch of the British Royal Family. It would mean also that in future neither the British Government nor the Canadian Government would have any say in the appointment of the Governor-General. At present the Governor-General is appointed by the Crown, which means that the British Government, and no doubt the Canadian Government, are consulted upon the matter before the appointment is announced.

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Veteran Judge.

Few men have had a longer experience on the Scottish Bench than Lord Kinneir, whose retirement is announced. He is within a few days of his eightieth birthday, and has been a Judge of the Court of Session, Edinburgh, for thirty-one years. Lord Kinneir was called to the Bar in 1856, became a Q.O. in 1883, and was elected to the peerage in 1896 in recognition of his services as Chairman of the Scottish Universities Commission. He has assisted in the hearing of many appeals in the House of Lords.

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The I. G. M. s.s. PRINCESS ALICE carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 29th of October, left Singapore on the 22nd inst., at 11 p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 27th inst., at 8 a.m.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The s.s. KOREA sailed from Yokohama for Hongkong, via Manila, on the 16th instant, at noon. The mails have been transferred to the s.s. EMPRESS OF ASIA which arrived here on the 24th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. HITACHI MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 25th inst., and is expected here on the 3rd December.

The Ben Lin, Middlesex, and London, left Singapore, for this Port, on 3rd instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about 8th proximo.

The S.L. s.s. MONADNOCK from Seattle is due at Hongkong on the 30th November.

The S. L. s.s. MERIONETSHIRE from London is due at Hongkong on the 15th December.

The American and Manchurian Line s.s. KANDAHAR left New York on the 25th October and is due here on or about 15th December.

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The N. Y. K. s.s. SADO MARU (American Line) left Seattle for this port via ports on the 4th November, and is expected here on the 7th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. RANGOON MARU (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 13th instant, and is expected here on the 17th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOTTORI MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 18th Oct., and is expected here on the 30th November.

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THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **TO-MORROW**, the 27th November, 1913, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 5 Rippon Terrace, A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, (full particulars from catalogue) On view from WEDNESDAY the 26th NOVEMBER. Terms:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

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Commercial.

SH NOHAI TRADE.

Messrs Noel, Murray and Co.'s report on the Shanghai Piece Goods Trade, dated November 20, says:—

We have passed through a featureless week, both politically and commercially, although our chief-makers have been doing their best to render their fellow-creatures uneasy, by the dissemination of disquieting stories, pointing to the further outbreak of troubles in these parts, but fortunately there has been no cause for alarm. As to our trade, it can hardly be said there has been any improvement, notwithstanding there are some who claim to be satisfied with the movement to their particular chop, but this by no means reflects the general feeling, which we still find to be anything but buoyant, the autumn trade not having materialized, silver declining, and the dealer as hard up for money as ever.

Home Markets.—The shipments from the United Kingdom for the week ended 14th inst. totalled 10,000,000 yards of plain Cottons.

In a general sort of way, makers are said to be getting anxious for orders but the extent of the incumbrances they offer seems to be limited to a reduction of 3*l.* per piece, whereas for many samples, their prices are anywhere between 5 and 10 per cent. over those ruling here, and silver does not seem to be at the bottom yet.

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The Manchester makers are said to be in want of orders but so far, their concessions have not been particularly tempting to would-be buyers for spring shipments.

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Four Days in Canal.

It is estimated that about four days will be required to pass the fleet through the locks and the canal and about twice that length of time will suffice to replenish the coal bunkers and oil tanks of the ships, before they resume their cruise, this time steaming northward for San Francisco.

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OPENING OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, KOWLOON.

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President to Start Fleet.

By its terms the fleet will assemble at Hampton Roads, and the visiting commanders formally welcomed by the President in Washington. The President also will go to Hampton Roads to review the assembled fleet as they start on their voyage to San Francisco.

It is expected that the American invitation will meet with general acceptance, and the result will be the gathering of a fleet of 100 warships of the best type, for the reason that the slow and antiquated vessels would be unable to keep pace with the rest of the fleet in the cruise from Hampton Roads to the Golden Gate.

The ceremonies at Hampton Roads and the time required for a visit to Washington by the foreign visitors will consume about a week or ten days, and then, headed by the American fleet, probably with the superdreadnought New York at the right of the column, the great armada will take its way southward for Colon.

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JAPANESE CHARACTERISTICS.

Interesting Comments by Dr. Eliot.

Among the pamphlets issued recently by the American Association for International Conciliation is one entitled "Japanese Characteristics," by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard, who travelled around the world to spread the gospel of peace.

"Considering," he writes, "that it is only forty-five years since the profound changes in Japanese Government and society began, the achievements of the race are nothing short of marvellous. They prove beyond question that the Japanese possess as a race fine physical, mental, and moral endowments. Their dominant sentiment is an intense patriotism, in which pride, loyalty, and love are ardently united. Are they, then, a formidable and dangerous addition to the competing national forces of the world? Is their demonstrated strength dangerous to the peace of the world and to the white race?

The Japanese are not a warlike people, in spite of the fact that they have waged with a few years two wars in which they took the part of invaders. The war with China and the war with Russia were both in reality defensive wars. Over against Japan on the continent of Asia two huge nations, Russia and China, are in possession of immense territories. Bitter experience had satisfied the Japanese leaders that Japan would not be safe at home on her islands, if Korea and Korean harbours were in the hands of either one of her immensely powerful neighbours. In those wars the common soldier's motive was an intense patriotism—not love of glory or a natural love for fighting, or a desire for new conquests and possessions.

"They are a homing people. They are commercially adventurous, and will travel for and wide as peddlars, or in search of trade or work; but they are not colonists. The Japanese Government has had great difficulties in inducing Japanese to settle in Formosa; and at the present moment it has a similar difficulty in Korea, although the Korean climate resembles that of Japan.

"The desire for children in a Japanese family is intense. In short, their present civilization is more likely to endure by the century, now that it can defend itself against attacks from without, than the civilization of several Occidental nations. No matter what the intellectual achievements of a nation may be, they will all be lost as time goes on, if the physical bases of the national life cease to be wholesome, and national child-bearing declines through the effects of vice or any sort of physical degeneracy.

The Japanese nation is not threatened, as the American people are, with increase in the number of defectives in mind or body who breed their like without restraint. The physical and moral conditions of Japanese society have not developed this hideous evil, to the existence of which the Occidental nations have only lately awokened. The Japanese have had no such legislation as that

which in Massachusetts requires defective children who have been kept under guardianship until they are twenty-one years of age, with the general result that the discharged young people fall at once into vicious ways, from lack of experience and self-control."

MURDER IN SHANGHAI.

Chinese Ex-Officer Killed.

Reporting on the murder of a former Chinese officer referred to in a special telegraph to the Telegraph at the time, the N.C. Daily News of Thursday last says:—

Still another has to be added to the list of crimes of violence perpetrated within the Settlement.

This latest occurred last night, a Chinese formerly holding officer's rank in the army being assassinated in the Sinza district.

Up to the present sufficient time has not elapsed to enable the motives of the crime to be thoroughly investigated, nor what part the deceased's previous career may have had in connection with them. The man had been living in the vicinity of Shanghai-kuan Road, a thoroughfare, sparsely populated, running east from Carter Road, close to the Ellis Kadocie School. It was in this road that the murder took place.

About 7.30 p.m. three shots were fired, and then the assassin must have fled, as considering the lonely nature of the vicinity at such an hour, he would easily be able to do. When found, the victim of the assault was already dead, having been struck in the body in three places. The master was at once reported to Sinza Police Station, and the detective force immediately set to work. Up to the hour of writing no trace had been found of the assailant.

Fire Corps on Imperator.

Baron Constantin Von Molitke, Fire Commissioner of the naval city of Kiel, Germany, was a passenger on the steamship Imperator, to New York recently. He made the trip in behalf of the Hamburg-American Line, his mission being to establish a fire department on the ship. He said that the vessel would have a fire chief and four assistants, whose sole duty would be to fight fire. The Imperator made an exceptionally good trip. Her best day's run was on October 27, when she made 581 miles Capt. Raser, her commander, said that this run showed that the ship was quite up to requirements, and contradicted the rumours that her boilers were not giving satisfaction. He declared that if she had not had some rough weather, the Imperator would have been in a night before.

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The Princess Alice with the German mail left Singapore on Saturday 23rd instant, at 11 p.m. and is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The Hamburg American Line a.s.

Uckermark with the mail from London via Siberia of Saturday, the 6th inst., is due to arrive here on Friday the 26th inst.

MAILS DUE.

German, Princess Alice, 27th instant. Siberian, Uckermark 28th instant.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Philippines Islands—Per CHIN HUA, 26th inst. 8 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

American and Canadian Mails: Japan via Moji Victoria and Tacoma—Per TACOMA MARU 27th Nov., 11 a.m.

Hokkaido, Haiphong, Pakhoi & Saigon—Per HONGKONG, 27th inst. 11 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per BENLARIG, 27th inst. 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 27th Nov., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per G. APOLAR 27th inst., noon.

Shanghai and North China—Per ANHUI 27th Nov., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China via Japan via Nagasaki (Europe via Siberia)—Per PRINCESS ALICE 27th inst., 5 p.m.

Siberian Mail:

Philippines Islands, Yap, Ma., Samar, Fred. Wilhelmshausen, Rabau, Herbertshöhe, Matupi, Samarai, Tasmania, New Zealand, Australia and New Zealand via HONGKONG MARU 28th Nov., 11 a.m.

Tientsin—Per CHEONGSHING 28th inst., 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 29th November.

Australian Mail:

Philippines Islands, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada United States and South America, via San Francisco—Per SUNGKIAK, 28th inst., 10 a.m.

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Straits and Indian Mail: Calcutta—Per KUTSUNG 29th Nov., 11 a.m.

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Shanghai and North China—Per HANG SANG, 29th Nov., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 30th Nov.

Austrian Mail:

Philippines Islands, Australia Tasmania and New Zealand via P. Darwin—Per TAIYUAN, 2nd Dec., 9 a.m.

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Per HINSANG, 2nd Dec., 10 a.m.

Siberian Mail:

Per HAYANG, 2nd Dec., 10 a.m.

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